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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On Friday afternoon, 2 April, at my request, I met with the Honorable Robert Murphy. During the course of the conversation, Mr. Murphy stated that in connection with the Clandestine Services, he was greatly dissatisfied with the operations of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. He felt that the agendas prepared for these meetings were sterile, reviewed over and over again the same bureaucratic jungle of NRO and the highly technical aspects of NSA, and inadequately covered the problems of classical intelligence collection and classical intelligence analysis. He felt that everybody was carried away with exotic collection and analysis means and was losing sight of the tried and true systems that had been so successful for so long. I stated that the agendas of the PFIAB were prepared by Mr. Clifford and Mr. Coyne and that we complied with their requests in specific detail -- that we had assumed that they knew what the requirements of the President's Board were and were gearing the agendas accordingly. Mr. Murphy stated immediately that he understood this and that his quarrel was with Mr. Clifford and Mr. Coyne and certainly not with Mr. McCone or me. He stated, however, that his knowledge of the classical intelligence activities was to his mind totally inadequate. I offered to present the entire story to the President's Board at their request or to Mr. Murphy personally at any time at his convenience. He seemed most receptive and appreciative.

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2. Mr. Murphy wondered whether or not spending [redacted] for overhead reconnaissance was totally responsive to our needs when perhaps a fraction of this amount of money diverted to clandestine activities could provide even better intelligence than photography. He wondered if we had exerted necessary efforts and necessary money to getting basic assets [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] He said it was incomprehensible to him
that we could not get some good assets [redacted]

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[redacted] especially if we were prepared to accept
some losses and to spend greater amounts of money. I did not
choose to respond substantively to these views since they were
put forward in a manner indicating that he wished to be helpful
rather than critical. I told him I was fully aware of what con-
cerned him, would inform Mr. McCone and the Clandestine
Services of his concern, and that we would be in touch with him
later on in this regard.

3. All in all, I think the conversation was extremely helpful
and that we have a friend in court.

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